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Canadian Legion Carries On.

The following officers were elected at a recent meeting of the Didsbury Branch of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

Hon. Pres. E. Cogswell, D.C.M., President, W. A. Austin 1st Vice Pres., J. D. Thomas 2nd Vice Pres., F. Jackson Executive, E. Craig, George Youngs, W. Birdsall, H. Morgan, S. J. Gilson, and C. E. Reiber. Sgt-at-Arms, F. T. Moyle Padre, Rev. D. Whyte Smith Treasurer, C. E. Reiber Secretary, B. T. Parker

The Legion has a big job on its hands, so have all of us—the job of relighting a torch, so that we may see to build a monument.

It is so difficult for some of us to understand what it all means, and why we should disturb our daily routine and get fussed up about the building of a monument.

The difficulty perhaps arises because we have not been in the mud, filth and carnage of a battlefield. We have not actually seen Canadians, in the bloom of their youth, die for Canada, nor have we seen them lying shattered, maimed, sightless and limbless. Orators, newspapers, and books write of the glory of the sacrifice. That is only an illusion. There is no glory on the battlefield, just death, wounds, pain and corruption. But while our youth may have no illusions about the battle field, we know, or we should know, that they stand between us and slavery, the violation of our women and children, the open doors of our churches and free institutions. **WHAT PRICE A MONUMENT?**

After the last war we erected monuments in memory of our community in Canada, things of stone, marble and cement, cold lifeless things, which exude no warmth and you can't eat them. After that job was done we donned our best clothes, lay back in sweet, self-righteous contentment and fell into a dreamless slumber. While we slept the Torch slipped from our nerveless hands, fell into a stagnant ditch, and was extinguished. We did not see or understand mass unemployment for what it was, a virulent disease, and a cause of war. We did not see or hear the tramp of the workless, the misery of men, women and children being fed on dust called Dole. We could not see our veterans heroically garrisoned into Bums, living in Box Cars, riding from place to place in search of work, which was not. No, we slept on, and only awoke in time to see the Flowers of the Forest once again marching off to the slaughter. **WHAT PRICE GLORY?**

The Monument we have done

Twentieth Wedding Celebration

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Verdo Sherick was turned into a gala occasion on Monday evening, when eighty guests gathered there as a surprise for their twentieth wedding anniversary, which date had really been on Christmas day.

Well-loaded cars met some distance away, with dimmed lights barged down the long lane together. Folks streamed into the house before the eyes of a surprised host and hostess. Christmas decorations added to their special touch.

Pleasant chatting, laughter and a lively sing song were followed by a program of speeches, poems, solos, etc. Beautiful china gifts were unwrapped. Then a tiny red pig strapped with some shiny pig rings was presented to the guest. These were pulled out of this miniature pig sty by a ribbon. One pig hung on a tiny scales, and off them had their mouths open. What pig wouldn't? They were not bacon type, but well-fed, silver-lined porkers. Just a little shaking brought out the silver through a slot in their backs.

A bountiful lunch was enjoyed by all, and our best wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. Sherick for future happiness.

We have concluded that it is worth while to celebrate special anniversaries, especially if there is money in pigs.

a lot of talking about it. We have made some progress. Yes, we plan to do something about it someday. But actual building of it is hard to entail sacrifice, the eradication of greed, selfishness and pride. And we are so human. It would perhaps be easier to go to sleep again.

The men of the Legion, who saw Canadians die for Canada, are going over the top again. Though years creep on they are still in fighting fettle. They are on the war path for building the Monument—work for all those who are willing and able to work, health, happiness and contentment for young and old alike, the keeping of the peace which is being so dearly won.

Let us relight the Torch, see clearly, work hard, whole heartedly sacrifice in the building of the only Monument we can have at the Legion Hall on Tuesday, January 18, at 8 p.m. Show your interest in the Red Cross by being present

King Hiram Lodge Install Officers.

The installation of officers of King Hiram Masonic Lodge took place on Monday, Dec. 27th. Rt. Wor. Bro. A. Brusso was installing officer and Rt. Wor. Bro. J. L. Clarke was director of cere monies.

After the ceremony supper was served in the United Church basement.

The following officers were installed:

Wor. Bro. J. D. Thomas	W.M.
Wor. Bro. J. W. Wordie	1.P.M.
Bro. F. Ahlgren	S.W.
Bro. H. Halliday	J.W.
Bro. G. Green's Law	S.D.
Wor. Bro. A. L. McInnes	J.D.
Bro. H. Morgan	Treas.
Bro. J. E. Goader	Secretary
Bro. Rev. D. Whyte Smith	Registrar
Tom Morris	Chaplain
G. Parsons	I.G.
Bro. A. A. Thomas	I.S.
Rt. Wor. Bro. J. L. Clarke	D.C.C.
Bro. S. Franklin	Tyler

Didsbury Jottings

By A.C.H.

It wouldn't be a bad idea if we stayed awake long enough to find out what goes on in our own town. We had to listen to Claire Wallace's "They Tell Me" radio program to learn about Mrs. F. Reiffenstein's, "K.I.T.—Keep in Touch Club." It came over on Tuesday at 11.45—12.

It seems that Didsbury people meet at the home of Mrs. Reiffenstein on Tuesday from 8 to 10 to write letters to the 200 men and girls of Didsbury who are in the services. Names are put out of a hat to determine who are to be the fortunate recipients of the letters. The club members aim to write at least three letters each night.

We think it is a grand idea and that Mrs. Reiffenstein is to be commended for it.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Austin have learned that their daughter, Elizabeth has arrived safely in Great Britain.

Red Cross Will Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Didsbury and District Branch of the Red Cross Society, will be held at the Legion Hall on Tuesday, January 18, at 8 p.m.

Show your interest in the Red Cross by being present

Curling Gets Underway

With the weather getting colder this week, curling has now got started and the first event is a Red Cross bonspiel which was held this Wednesday.

At a meeting held on Tuesday evening, skips were chosen and rinks drawn.

The skips are: Irwin Klein, Clint Reiber, Dave Edwards, Jim Caithness, Jack Topley, Frank Kaufman, Bert Fisher, Tommy Johnson and Jack McCloy.

DIDSBUY MARKETS

BUTTERFAIR Delivered Basis at Crystal Dairy

Special	30c
No. 1	31c
No. 2	26c
Table cream	43c
10s subsidy on all churning cream	

EGGS

Grade A Large	30c
Grade A Medium	28c
Pullets	22c
Grade B	24c
Grade C	21c

"Keep In Touch Club" Gets Nation Wide Attention.

The "Keep In Touch (K.I.T.) Club" was honored on Tuesday morning, when Claire Wallace on her usual nation-wide broadcast over CFAC described and commented on their activities.

Miss Wallace, who searches to find any novel and worthwhile

effort and tell about it in her "They Tell Me" broadcast, had a friend previously called, the president and founder, Mrs. F. Reiffenstein, by telephone from Toronto enquiring about the objectives of the club.

The club is formed to keep in touch with all the men and women who are in the services from Didsbury and District.

Relatives and friends are asked to send in names and addresses so that the list may be complete. You are cordially invited to attend the meeting on Tuesday evenings from 8 to 10.30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Reiffenstein. There is a small membership fee to take care of stationery and stamp.

Age, sex, or infirmities are no barrier. Bring your pen and paper to cheer, encourage and "keep in touch" with our men and women in the services everywhere.

Names are drawn and each member writes three letters to someone in the services. Several grateful and interesting replies have been received.

Among those of the Armed Forces who spent a part of the holiday season visiting relatives and friends in town and district, were: Sgt. Kay Adhead, Vancouver; Dr. M. Mary McNair, Calgary; LAW Ruth Persinger, Calgary; Sgt. Hugh Roberts, Grande Prairie; Sgt. A. Evans, R.C.A.F.; Devolin Cpl. Ronnie Brightman, R.C.A.F.; Patricia Bay, B.C.; Cpl. Al Thomas; Cpl. Carl Crosby; LAC Bernard Rinehard, R.C.A.F.; LAC Ralph Edwards, R.C.A.F.; High River; Pte. Bill Devolin; Cpl. Gordon Campbell; Pte. Gabby LeClair; Pte. Harold Milne; Pte. Clayton Dippe; Pte. Baillie Calleton; Sgt. Ed DeMann; LAW Miller, Broadhurst; Pte. George Gibson, Wetaskiwin, and LAC Briton Page.

Obituary.

Mrs. MARGARET RUSSELL

A resident of Didsbury for 43 years, Mrs. Margaret Russell, died at her home here on December 27. She was born at Hillsdale, Kansas, and came to Didsbury with her parents in 1900. She was married to Dr. Dan Russell in 1911, and has resided west of Didsbury since that time.

Surviving are her husband, Dan; four daughters, Mrs. Eula Reiter, Laura, Violet and Mildred, all of Didsbury; five sons, Harold, Milton and Danny of Didsbury; Arnold, Hanover, Ont.; Leonard, with the Navy at Halifax; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Murphy of Didsbury; five sisters, Mrs. Ruthie Waddington, Mrs. Carl Russell, Mrs. Ira Scott and Mrs. Marion Muller, all of Didsbury; Mrs. V. Bishop of Penticton, B.C.; a brother, Clifford, Didsbury.

Funeral services were held at the United Church on Thursday, with the Rev. Whyte Smith officiating. Burial took place in the Didsbury cemetery.

Gooder Brothers had charge of arrangements.

Mrs. CHRISTIANA MAY

On January 3rd, 1944, at Didsbury, Christiana May, beloved mother of Mrs. W. H. Grant, of Calgary, and Mrs. W. W. Gillrie, Didsbury.

Interment took place at Quebec City.

Buy Carload of Jersey Cattle

Mr. Reid Clarke of Didsbury, made a trip to British Columbia and selected a carload of purebred jersey calves for his Didsbury Jersey Farm. Most of these were obtained in the Okanagan from the herds of R. G. Lockhart, Thor, Fowler and Kenneth B. McKechnie.

At the coast, Mr. Clarke purchased a young future herd sire and three fine heifer calves that should develop into real show prospects. The young bull, Lindell Standard Commando, is sired by the R.O.P. bull, Jessoma Standard Sultan, whose seven classified progeny have the extremely high average of 50.0%, two of them rating excellent. This bull is the sire of Calgary Jessoma Vista, junior champion heifer for Fred Veabshay at the 1942 Calgary Exhibition.

The dam of the young bull is Gladys Kava's Dorothy 2nd, classified Very Good and with a record of 10,200 lbs. of milk and 518 lbs. of fat in 365 days as a three-year old. She is sired by the R.O.P. bull, Brampton Kava's Standard, a son of the silver medal bull, Wonderful Standard.

Two of the heifers in the shipment are also by Jessoma Standard Sultan and from dams with records well over 500 lbs. of fat. The other is sired by Solitude's King, an imported-in-dam, son of Checkmate of Oaklands, that is breeding very well in British Columbia.

Reid Clarke, like many other progressive Jersey breeders at the present time, is building up his herd both in numbers and in quality. He wishes to be in a position to take advantage of the market for high class purebred dairy cattle that will develop due to the post-war re-establishment, which will create a better demand for better quality livestock.

Births

December 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hosegood, a son.
December 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Monsey, a son.
December 22, to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McInnes, a daughter.
December 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Krebs, a daughter.
December 29, to F. O. and Mrs. R. A. Fildes (nee Laura Buhr), a daughter.

Didsbury Health Society NOTICE.

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Society will be held in the Legion Hall, Didsbury, on Saturday, January 15th, at 2 p.m.

The report of the officers and treasurer will be given. New directors are to be appointed. All members and those interested are urged to attend.

A. GOLE, Sec.-Treas.

JANUARY Clearance Sale

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Women's Botany Wool Hose

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Parka Jackets, ass't colors, reg. \$1.95 **\$3.95**

Assortment Women's & Child's House Slippers **89c**

Boys' Windbreakers **\$1.95**

Men's Wool Socks **2 Pair 75c**

Men's Jersey Pullovers **\$1.95**

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Bankers On Transition From War To Peace

Vital National Problems Discussed by Bank of Montreal President

George W. Spinney Gives "the Frank and Considered Opinion of a Banker" on Nationalization of Banking

126th ANNUAL MEETING

Strongly Emphasizes Value of Victory Bonds Both During War and After

Problems of vital interest to Canadians in the transition from war to peace were discussed at the 126th annual meeting of Bank of Montreal shareholders by George W. Spinney, C.M.G., president of the institution. Among the subjects he dealt with were nationalization of banking on which he gave what he described as "the frank and considered opinion of a banker", the value of Victory Bonds in the war and after, and the need for a healthy, vigorous and flexible economy in attaining a high and increasing productivity essential for full employment and decent living standards.

Following a presentation of the profit and loss statement of the bank, as already published, Mr. Spinney spoke as follows:

"On the battle lines throughout the world, the past year has given us much cause for profound thankfulness. On the home front for the year, it has been a year of achievements. I think that any realistic view of the local scene must lead to the conclusion that the rate of inflation with its attendant dangers to our leadership has in no way diminished in the past twelve months but has, if anything, increased. Moreover, I do not think it too much to say that by reason of the war success of the Allied forces, we in Canada are peculiarly vulnerable to the dangers of complacency with a consequent relaxation of警惕ness. At a time when our full effort should be sustained. In brief, I think we have a situation in which it is necessary for Canadians to draw upon their resources and to renew their capacity for clear thinking and self discipline. For it is at a time such as the present that these qualities displayed by our heroes can have a telling effect on the duration of the struggle and on our ultimate ability to meet and to solve the problems of transition from war to peace."

"Much has been said, and rightly so, concerning the Canadian industry—achievements which would not have been possible but for the co-operation and untiring efforts of the Canadian workers who have brought to the task of war production the fullest measure of their energies and skill. I should also like to pay tribute to those responsible for less remarkable achievements in two other fields—agriculture and transportation. At no time in the war has food occupied so vitally important a place in the economy of the United Nations as it does at present. The manner in which Canadian farmers have met, and are continuing to meet, the challenge of the task of feeding the world under extreme handicaps of shortage of food and scarcity of machinery, is deserving of the praise and gratitude of all our nation. Let me add, also, to the say word concerning the services rendered by our two great railroad systems. Despite scarcity of equipment and manpower, the railroads have maintained an average traffic in all-time record volume. The performance of such a task, under trying conditions of operation, and with relatively little increase in the cost of freight and in the travelling public, is an accomplishment of which the management and operating personnel of the railway may well be proud."

THE WARTIME WORK OF THE BANK

I think it would be quite in order for me now to draw attention to the many ways in which the bank has endeavoured in a spirit of service to meet the changing needs of a nation at war. There has been little change in the volume of loans of both commercial and domestic character, but in other directions the work has vastly expanded. Transactions in cheques and deposits, Victory Bonds and related coupons, passing through our hands, has been immediately heavier than before the war. Our safekeeping facilities have been under a severe strain. We have already transferred the bulk of our deposit accounts and broader coupon accounts literally into hundreds of millions. The ramifications of Foreign Exchange have also added to our responsibilities. It has been necessary to cope with these situations with a staff which, by reason of heavy enlistments, is seriously depleted in its experience and ability. Of their gallantry and loyalty the General Manager will have something to say later on in this meeting.

In the year just closed, our acquisitions of Government securities were on a reduced scale as compared with



GEORGE W. SPINNEY, C.M.G.
President

borrowers and in endeavouring to have them kept there. The success which these efforts have attained can in some degree be measured by the increasing number of individual sales which have been made during our Victory Loan campaigns. In the First Loan of June, 1941, there were 668,250 subscriptions. In the Last Loan just closed, there were over 3,000,000 sales, or say one sale for every four persons in the Dominion.

"In my view the widest possible distribution of Victory Bonds in public hands, apart from its necessity under wartime conditions, has tremendous post-war significance. For if the national debt is distributed among all sections of the community, the problem of repaying it will be more easily solved. Moreover, the reserve of purchasing power, built up to-day by hundreds of thousands of Canadians through the purchase of Victory Bonds, can play a very real and positive part in stimulating the post-war economy and maintaining employment.

"I know there have been some fears expressed that there will be a drain on the part of individuals to cash the bonds at the end of the war and that the impact of this spending power on goods, which for some time will be highly inflated, will give rise to an even greater inflation. I do not believe that now exists. This is a possibility I am not inclined to accept without reservation, for the desire to save will provide far more incentive than the reverse.

"More recently, however, we have seen a direct reflection of the national effort to control inflation by financing the war to the greatest possible extent by taxation and by the issue of bonds to individuals and other non-bank investors. While the continued purchase of short term Government debt is a welcome addition to the Bank's portfolio, the time has come when we have done everything within our power to encourage depositors in this Bank to keep their funds with us until the time of their withdrawal. By repeated words and personal persuasion we have done everything to the practical minimum.

"Nor has our attitude in this regard been merely one of passive agreement. For our whole organization has focused very sharply upon the matter, adding to the sale of Victory Bonds and War Savings Certificates. I am proud of our record in these great patriotic undertakings. By repeated words and personal persuasion we have done everything within our power to encourage depositors in this Bank to keep their funds with us until the time of their withdrawal. By repeated words and personal persuasion we have done everything to the practical minimum.

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"The INDIVIDUAL AND GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL

"At this point I think it would be quite in order to make some reference to the much discussed subject of nationalization of banking. For it seems to me that the frank and considered opinion of a banker who like myself is a member of the Canadian bar comes up "the hard way" is at least as worthy of a hearing as the views of ardent exponents of theories of state ownership. Let me say, therefore, as a lawyer, and as a Canadian at heart, that I am at a loss to understand what good object nationalization of banking would serve. I do, however, believe that such a move would be productive of consequences gravely detrimental to the community at large.

"To be frank, I cannot see that under nationalization the many and varied banking services on which the entire business and commercial organization depends, and which I believe are best provided by private enterprise, would be performed with greater efficiency and dispatch than they are now. I find it difficult to believe that the transfer of his holdings with a Government-owned Bank would have a greater assurance of privacy or personal attention to his particular problems than he has now. May I say, too, that a central bank, in order to place the nation's supply of money under governmental regulation, since the regulation of the currency is a function already performed by the Government-owned central bank.

"Our position to-day is that there are two banks actively competing with each other in the community, and we can assure you that the circumstances if an individual has reason to believe that he is not being

sufficiently served or that his proposals have not received the consideration of any one bank, there is nothing to prevent him from going to another. I think it is safe to say that the economic system and the fiscal of business by several banks would probably be sufficient evidence that the proposal was not one which, by any stretch of the imagination, conformed to good banking principles.

The alternative which the proponents of nationalization offer in exchange for the present system is competitive banking, a banking monopoly under governmental control. Under such circumstances, the borrowing requirements of a customer would stand, for any reason whatever, to be suspended or restricted except through the channels of special pleading or political influence.

"One of the most prominent proponents of nationalized banking points to the control of finance as the most essential step to control of the whole economy. With the truth of this statement as applied to nationalization of the rest of the economy would be no more than a "monkey" to operate. For if a governmental bureau becomes the only source of day-to-day credit accommodation for Canadian industry and agriculture, the Canadian economy would be as dependent on it as any field of banking powers and responsibilities, but in the spheres of business, industry and finance as well. This would inevitably mean the domination by the central authority of all business, whether public or private which must have recourse to credit facilities.

THE BANK IN THE POST-WAR YEARS

"For 126 years this Bank has played an important role in the commercial and industrial development of the Dominion. In all that time our facilities have been freely available to the banking people in the conduct of their banking functions, content in all their aspects, with but bias or political prejudice, and in accordance with principles which experience has proven to be sound. We hope we have played a not unflattering part as the oldest representative of the Canadian banking system. Long traditions of soundness, sense and experience, plus the competitive spur to progressive outlook and efficiency, have all combined to build this system, that is serving the public well, and we consider that your Bank is well equipped to do its important part towards meeting the problems and opportunities of the post-war years of a continued period of calm and helpfulness to the whole community."

Earthquakes In Japan

Geologists Believe Islands Will Eventually Disappear In Pacific

Japan has had much trouble with earthquakes. A number of the United States Geological Survey, says the Japanese islands will eventually disappear completely below the waves of the Pacific.

Japanese scientists reveal the fact that an island in Kyushu Bay vanished 300 years ago, drowning 5,000.

However, we are not likely to get rid of the Japs in that manner. Japan may stay above water longer than some other countries. Scientists show that South America, not so long ago as geological periods go, was completely under water. The chalk cliff of England was manufactured by marine creatures at the bottom of the sea. And you find oyster shells on high mountains, lifted up from the ocean's bottom—Chatham News.

Cattle Increase

Beef Cattle Are Prospering On Ample Feed Supplies

Canada will enter 1944 with the largest—and healthiest—cattle population ever reported at the opening of a year, officials forecast.

Since 1937, when Western Canadian drought conditions led to severe reductions in herds, the cattle population has increased by about 560,000. Beef cattle, prospering on ample feed available from the 1942 crop, are averaging many pounds heavier than in past years. Dairy cattle are in good condition, with the average milk production per cow higher.

On June 1, cattle and calves on farms totalled 9,660,000, compared with 8,890,000 in 1937. The second yearly count comes on Dec. 1, when there is usually a falling off due to autumn marketings. But authorities said it was probable that the number on Dec. 1 would be about 9,500,000.

VILLAGES WIPE OUT

The Germans have acknowledged that two entire Polish villages were wiped out and more than 1,200 other Poles were killed in retaliation for 16 assassinations in the Bialystok province of Poland last July, the Polish telegraph agency reported.

FRIENDSHIP DEMONSTRATION

Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, wife of China's president, told Congress in a cable that repeat of the Chinese Exclusion Act had demonstrated anew the United States' friendship to China "in a deed which will echo round the world."

possible here that the reorganization involved would apply to everyone else and pass the workingman by.

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OVERSEAS

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PERSIAN TALE

One rather admires the ingenuity of the Persian husband, who, when told by his wife to help with the spring-cleaning, got hold of the household magic carpet and beat it.—Montreal Star.

"I want a spot of bicarbonate of soda and some water," said the customer. The new employee studied the array of sofa-duster levers and gadgets. Finally she asked: "What flavor do you want?"

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Church Announcements**M. B. C.**
MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST

Rev. Earl Archer, Pastor

Sundays:
1:30 p.m.—Sunday School
2:30 p.m.—Preaching service
2:45 p.m.—Preaching service, including Young Peoples' meeting on alternate Sundays.
Wednesdays, 8 p.m.—Prayer service

UNITED

Rev. D. Whyte Smith, Minister
——
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:30 a.m.—Morning Worship
Westcott 11 a.m.—Westerdale 3 p.m.

EVANGELICAL

Rev. A. V. Amacher, B. A. Pastor
——

Sundays:
10:30 a.m.—Morning Worship
11:30 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship
Wednesdays, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St. Cyprian's, Didsbury
Rev. A. D. Currie, Rector
2nd Sunday, Evensong at 3 p.m.
4th Sunday, Holy Communion 11 a.m.

LUTHERAN

Rev. Albert F. Reiner, Pastor
——

Westcott: 11:30 a.m. Every Sunday
Didsbury: 2:30 p.m. Every Sunday except the 4th.

ST. ANTHONY'S

CATHOLIC
Father MacLellan, P.P.

1st Sunday:
Olds 9:30 a.m.; Innisfail 11:10
2nd and 4th Sunday:
Didsbury 9:45 a.m.; Olds 11:15
3rd and 5th Sunday:
Innisfail 9:30 a.m.; Olds 11:15

Zella School Church Services.
Rev. R. Lanterman, Pastor
2:00 p.m. Sunday School
3:00 p.m. Preaching Service

We welcome you to worship with us

Notes From the East

Harry Richardson is home from overseas, on a 28-day furlough.

Mrs. Fred Nelson left recently to make her home at Lacombe.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson, of Edmonton, a daughter.

Miss Marjorie Burns spent the Christmas holidays at her home here.

Miss Clare Wood, who is attending normal school in Calgary, was home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jenkins spent part of the holidays with the parents, at Burnsides.

The Juiland Christmas concert was held Tuesday, December 21st, and was up to its usual standard of excellence. The senior pupils were very good in "The Post Office Robbery"; the intermediate pupils in "Melvin's Entertainment"; and the primary pupils in "The Trunk Telling".

The singing which was accompanied by Mrs. W. Conter, was particularly good. Miss Odgen had gone to a great deal of trouble in making scenery and costumes, and the result was most pleasing. Mrs. Helen Weber won the cushion raffled by the pupils to provide funds for the troops, and Harold Thompson won the box of chocolates, which was second prize.

Melvin Notes.

Born, to Mrs. Heald (nee Dorothy Youngs), at Edmonton, January 3rd, a son. Congratulations.

Mrs. Gardner is with her daughter, Mrs. R. McNaughton, at present. Mrs. Gardner is still in bed with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. August Krebs are spending the holiday season with their son and daughter and friends at the west coast. It must be cold there, too, for Therese sent off her coat.

Cpl. and Mrs. Jay Chandler spent Christmas and New Year's with Jay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chandler.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Daniels and Neville, of Calgary, spent the holiday season with Mrs. Daniel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Carlson.

We are sorry to know that Miss Arlyne Cahoon, teacher at Melvin, is ill with the flu. School will be closed a few days longer.

The December meeting of the Melvin Red Cross Group was held at the home of Mrs. Emil Krebs. Officers were elected for the coming year, and the rest of the afternoon was spent in making stump bandages. The January meeting will be held at Mrs. E. Dupont's, where a quilt will be tied.

The following is a list of work completed for the Red Cross by the members of the Melvin group, during the past year:

26 Girl's coats, 19 boy's coats, 14 pair boy's pants, 7 pair children's pajamas, 50 personal property bags, 4 girl's dresses, 7 girl's skirts, 8 pairs girl's panties, 2 girl's slips, 4 boy's undershirts, 4 girl's blouses, 2 pairs socks, 2 sleeveless sweaters, 1 child's sweater, 8 quilts, 6 stump bandages.

Burnside Notes

Mrs. Brander's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spanner, from Leader, Sask., who have been visiting her, returned home this week.

Lloyd Jenkins, who has completed a required number of flights over enemy territory, wrote his brother, Dave, not to be too surprised if he had a visitor one of these days.

The children of Burnside School, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Roe, put on a charming and varied program on December 22nd. Miss Evelyn Dowdy, formerly engaged when she danced the High Fling, "Mother's Helpers" brought down the house with Evelyn Dawell as mother, and Jean Sullivan and Jimmy Paige as helpers, showing just HOW A banana chocolate cream cake should be made.

Mr. Fred Metz was at his best as chairman. Mrs. Paige accompanied

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The World of Wheat
by H. G. L. Strange**QUALITY IN WHEAT**

The almost frantic war demands for livestock products from our prairies, and the consequent necessity of producing large acreages of course grains to feed to livestock, have somewhat taken our minds away from our stable product—wheat. My own opinion, however, has always been that after the war, when times again will be the mainstay of our economy. For myself I believe that European countries will tend to produce more of their own livestock products and to grow less of their own wheat, simply because we can produce wheat cheaper. Once again, therefore, the quality of Canadian wheat will be of paramount importance.

This coming spring is none too soon for farmers to endeavor energetically, to maintain and even to improve the quality of our prairie wheat crop. There is no better way to do this than to use a few bushels of the highest quality seed. Registered and sealed in the sack by the Government, and to row this on a few acres of clean summerfallow. Such a few bushels multiplied for two or three years would supply any farmer with all the seed required for all his acreage, would ensure a high quality crop and so would bring to the farmer a greater return for his efforts both in yield and in grade.

Donations Are Asked
for the Red Cross.

the audience in a Christmas Carol singing.

Mr. Hugh McLean received a treat from Santa for being the eldest gentleman present.

The Burnside ladies served lunch after the concert, to the guests.

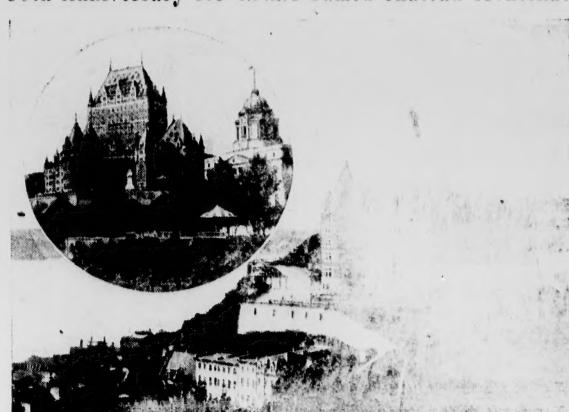
A cured ham and a flashlight were raffled during the dance which followed, to provide funds for the children's treats.



"MY HUSBAND and the children say that now there's so much money coming in, I should have all the things I've always wanted."

"But I say no thank you! My Freddie gave up his job willingly and lives in a tent. The least each of us at home can do is to go without this and that and buy War Savings Stamps every week so the boys over there will have everything they need for victory."

Buy War Savings Stamps from banks, post offices, telephone offices, department stores, druggists, bakers, tobacconists, book stores and other retail stores.

50th Anniversary for C.P.R.'s Famed Chateau Frontenac

TOWERING up from the most outstanding location in Quebec on the cliff which overlooks the St. Lawrence River, the Chateau Frontenac, one of the Canadian Pacific Railway's chain of "grand hotels," celebrates its 50th anniversary on December 17, 1943. Built on the site of the old fort, the Chateau is the official residence of early French governors and in a city where sea laws and rail lines cross, the greatest port in the world.

The Chateau Frontenac, built in 1893, housed in its day King George V, their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, during the Royal Visit of 1939, and governors general of Canada and their consorts from 1893 to 1943. It is also the home of the Earl of Athlone.

With all this in its 50-year background, it still remained its greatest hour to the Chateau Frontenac, which is managed entirely by the Canadian Pacific Railway. Under the direction of H. E. Matthews, general manager of the hotel, last August it was for 18 days the very "holy centre" of the Dominion. Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt met in the Ancient Capital with Prime Minister V. J. L. King,

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Many Advances Have Been Made In Development Of Aeroplanes Since The Beginning Of The War

(By AC. Flt. Sgt. John H. Day, No. 12 [Edmonton] Squadron
Air Cadets of Canada)

BY way of Finland, Sweden and Germany comes the most complete report ever published on a Russian military aircraft. The machine is the LAGG 3, designed by Lavochkin, Gorbunov, and Gudkov, from whose initials its designation is derived.

Although in matters of performance the LAGG 3 is not up to the standards set by the Western Powers, details of its construction reveal some original Russian ideas. Of particular interest is the method of fire-proofing the fuel tanks against incendiary bullets. Exhaust gases are led from the engine to the end of the fuselage, cooled, and dried. Then they are admitted into the gasoline tanks, where they make an inert atmosphere which will not allow the gasoline to contact the oxygen that would let it burn. The fitting of six 55 pound rocket bombs underneath the wings is also novel. These rocket bombs, half propulsive charge and half explosive, are fired from guide rails at enemy armored units. One of these electrically fired bombs will attain a velocity of 800 feet per second, and pierce armor up to seven inches thick.

Evidence of the effectiveness of this device is the fact that the Germans have copied the idea and are now using rocket shells against American Flying Fortress formations.

The LAGG 3, sometimes known as the Lavochkin for convenience, is a diminutive low wing monoplane built almost entirely of wood. This fact gives the Lavochkin the distinction of being the first single seater fighter to be made of plywood. The British Mosquito already holding this honor among two-seaters. A Russian designer and built engine of 1,100 h.p. supplies the power.

Despite its racy lines and sharply pointed nose, the little Russian is only moderately fast, having a top speed of 315 m.p.h. It has a fair rate of climb, and stays aloft for about 2½ hours. German pilots who have flown it say that it is an easier ship to handle than the earlier MIG 3, but that it spins easily in a turn and accelerates slowly. Evidently some trouble has been experienced with the control system for a number of different elevator trim devices have been fitted in successive models.

In the nose are two .50 inch machine guns and a 20 millimetre cannon, the latter firing through the propeller hub or spinner. The Russians claim a higher rate of fire for this cannon than the British Hispano, but the machine gun fire much more slowly than the American Colts of the same calibre. This armament scheme is very light compared to that of a British Hurricane or American Lightning, although it is roughly equal to that of the Messerschmitt Me 109.

Eventually the LAGG 3 will be replaced by the LAGG 5, now in production. With a more powerful engine and heavier armament it will be some 40 m.p.h. faster.

From recent reports of German fighter types, it becomes evident that should the Russians ever have to encounter equal or superior numbers of the enemy in the air, they will have their hands full. Although the "Nazies" have nothing revolutionary at the fronts, they have developed their available equipment to a high pitch. The Messerschmitt Me 109, for instance, which entered the war with a top speed of 330 m.p.h., is now capable of 395 m.p.h. Its armament, two rifle caliber machine guns and a 20 mm. cannon mounted in the nose, is almost equal to that of the contemporary LAGG 3. These figures refer to the Me 109F. The newer Me 109G has a maximum speed of 400 m.p.h. with the same armament. Some "G" models have a cannon under the fuselage, but in this case would be somewhat slower.

Neutral Sweden, hemmed in on all sides by belligerents, has been unable to import foreign built warplanes in accord with its pre-war policy. Driven to design a fighter of its own, Sweden has produced the J-22 fighter, a small single seater that resembles both the American Wildcat of South Pacific fame and the infamous German Fw 190. Because of an acute

metals shortage, the J-22 is built to a great extent of wood. Because the Swedes are equally short of powerplants, the J-22 does not promise to be exceptionally fast.

Many advances have been made in the strategic bombing offensive since the war began. For instance, it was revealed in Britain recently that weather conditions which would have prevented a raid two years ago now present no obstacles to our marauding Lancasters, Halifaxs, and Stirlings. Many of the tactics used are never revealed by the Air Ministry, and thus we often have to be guided by German reports whose accuracy is, of course, doubtful. Such a report is the description by the enemy of a technique employed by the R.A.F. called "Ring bombing". According to enemy sources quoted in "Aero-plane" magazine, pathfinders first appear over the target and drop a series of rings of green flares. The next wave of bombers drops bombs around these rings, thus sealing off the A.R.P. services from the inner target area. Others plaster the area with incendiary blasting rings.

Another idea is the use of 8 x 1 inch strips of a material called "Stanid". These strips, black on one side and white on the other, are dropped from bombers, especially setting up electromagnetic waves which disrupt the listening devices below. More probably the idea is to reflect the beams of searchlights.

In the Pacific area, first official mention of the new Grumman FGF or Hellcat was made in the announcement of the Marcus raid. Designed since the outbreak of war, the Hellcat resembles its forerunner, the famous Wildcat, structurally; but is more powerful and more heavily armed. The Hellcat was designed entirely from the lessons taught by the tactical employment of the Wildcat as revealed in pilots' combat reports.

There has been an interesting development in the enemy camp in the same theatre of operations. The Japanese claim a higher rate of fire for this cannon than the British Hispano, but the machine gun fire much more slowly than the American Colts of the same calibre. This armament scheme is very light compared to that of a British Hurricane or American Lightning, although it is roughly equal to that of the Messerschmitt

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the wings of the Mitsubishi 8-00 (Zero) to squeeze a few extra miles per hour out of it. After the amputation, the Zero's span is 35 ft., 4 ft. 5 in. shorter than before. The "operation" has netted the Nips a mere five miles per hour gain in speed over the earlier model.

When war broke out four years ago, the United Kingdom halted all manufacture or design of commercial transport aircraft in order to concentrate on warplane production. This gave the U.S.A. such a lead in the air transport field that it began to look as if she would have a corner on the post-war air transport market. Now that the grave danger of invasion is over, Great Britain is beginning to win back some of the lost ground. British Overseas Airways Corporation, Britain's monopoly air transport concern, is now operating besides other services, a passenger Moscow-Mosin four engined landplane. The trip is made via North Africa, Cairo, Habaniyah, Pahlevi (Iran), and Kuhishev; and takes 3½ days to complete including a 24 hour stop-over in Cairo.

Just what type of landplane is used is not stated in the official announcement of the service, but this may be the new and as yet secret Avro York. An entirely new design with many of the characteristics of the Lancaster, the York can be used on either short or long hauls carrying either passengers or freight. It can also be used on specialized transport missions. Whether the York is being used on this run to Moscow or not, it is still reassuring to know that such a machine is in production. If the success of the Lancaster is anything to judge by, then the York should provide Great Britain with a high place in the post-war air transport scheme.

Messages For Archives

Thanks From Queen Elizabeth Will Be Preserved In Records

Dr. Gustave Lanctot, Dominion archivist, announced he has received from Queen Elizabeth, for the national archives, a specimen of the message of thanks sent her by Majesty to families in Canada, elsewhere in the British Empire and the United States who befriended children evacuated from England.

The message, written by the Queen, was printed on special colored card and designed by G. F. Cobb, an artist of the College of Heralds. Entire cost of the project was borne by the Queen personally.

The salary of a member of the House of Commons in Britain is £600 (about \$2,400). In Canada it is \$4,000.

"Athabaskan" Damaged By Glider Bomb Is Back At Sea



Damaged by a glider bomb in a pitiful treatment. The bomb passed completely through Athabaskan's hull from port to starboard, through the petty officers' mess exploding in the water 20 feet clear of the ship again. Her losses in the engagement were five dead and 12 requiring hospitalization.

Contribution Of The Rural Men And Women Throughout Canada In The Prosecution Of The War

DURING four years of war, remarkable developments in agriculture have taken place in Canada. As a result of these developments, the contribution of rural men and women throughout the Dominion in the prosecution of the war has assumed an ever growing importance. The farmers and farmwives have had the job of providing increasing quantities of food for the Dominion's armed forces, for civilians, and to help meet the growing requirements of the people of the United Kingdom.

Demands for increased food production have been met to a remarkable degree but food production alone does not tell the complete story of Canadian agriculture at war.

The demands of war have taxed the inventiveness of Canada's scientists, plant breeders, botanists, entomologists, pathologists, in developing new crops, and in combating the insects and disease that might destroy them in the fields or in storage.

As a result of the war many sources of seed have been cut off but home production has been developed to such a degree that most seed, formerly imported, now is produced here in the Dominion.

Canada now supplies about one-fifth of its own wool requirement. Expansion in sheep production was encouraged when it appeared possible that Canada's wool supply might be cut off. Much of the clothing of Canadian servicemen and women is of wool.

Flax for fibre and oil is a new crop which has been outstanding in Canada. Whereas only about 8,000 acres were planted to fibre flax four years ago, there were close to 50,000 acres of it this year, chiefly in Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec.

In the search for rubber supplies needed immediately after the fall of Malaya, the East Indies there has been an encouraging development in connection with the Russian dandelion. Milkweed leaves, too, can be utilized in the manufacture of a synthetic rubber. Milkweed floss can be used as a substitute for kapok in sleeping bags and flying clothes. The collection of milkweed, particularly by the children, was promoted by this fall.

Another interesting war development in Canada along agricultural lines has been the selection of suitable species of trees and shrubs for camouflage purposes.

Another farm product, grass seed, is useful in tying down the soil, and so important in the construction and maintenance of airports. Fuel wood, which is vital in many war activities, is yet another product of Canadian farm lands.

Opinion Of Sailors

Men Think Strikes In Wartime Are Form Of Treason

Strikers would do well to read these crisp lines from the book, "East Coast Corvette" by Lieut. Nicholas Monsarrat of the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve. He says: "To sailors working like blacks under sub-human conditions for four shillings a day, wartime strikes seem a mixture of blackmail and pure treason. A country, desperate for production, like a man desperate for food, is easily held for ransom. Suppose the services applied the same bargaining weapon in their own sphere? What would happen to the country and the war if we tried the same thing, is a frequent query. I have heard the idea amusingly and bitterly elaborated in the mess-deck: the ship refusing to escort a convoy the last hundred miles except for a bribe of 10 pounds per man, the army demanding so much a mile for advances, with time and a half for retreats, and Sundays free?" - Barrie Examiner.

HAD SOME JOB

All the king's horses and all the king's men of Humpty Dumpty's day were put to shame when Kingston bank clerks put back together again 27 one dollar bills charred in the fire which destroyed the F. W. Woolworth building there some time ago. The bills, originally collected for the Community Chest, were replaced by the finance department.

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Evangelical Church Notes

On Sunday morning at 10:30, the minister will speak on the theme, "The privileges and responsibilities of the children of God". Those who accept Christ as Saviour can call God, Father; and Jesus their elder brother. The evening service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Services will be held at Bethel at 2 p.m.

Sunday School at Jutland will be held at the home of Mr. H. L. Hayne, at 11:30 a.m.

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LOCAL & GENERAL

Miss Annie Holub, of Calgary, spent Christmas at her home here.

AC and Mrs. Earl Cummins were visiting friends here this week.

Miss Ruth Gabel R.N., of Trail, B.C., was visiting with her parents during the holidays.

Mrs. Duncan Morrison, of Olds, was a New Year's guest with Mrs. N. Eckel.

ACI Ed Harder, who is in the repair depot at Calgary, spent his weekend leave here.

AC2 Earl Erb, who is stationed at Edmonton, spent his Christmas leave at his home here.

Tom Wyman spent Christmas and New Year's with his son, Ward, and family, at Rimby.

Mrs. Barbara Sitter, of Alliance, spent the holidays with her niece, Miss Celina Dedels, and other relatives.

Sgt. Ken McCoy, who is stationed at Kingston, Ont., spent several days at his home here during the holiday season.

LAC and Mrs. H. R. McGivern, of Calgary, spent their Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Klejko and family.

Pte. Lorne Leppington CA (B) TC, Grand Prairie, spent his Christmas leave with Herb Sinclair and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Lind, of Tara, Ontario, spent New Year's in town, the guests of Mr. Frank Kaufman and daughter, Evelyn.

Miss Wynne Moon, nurse in training at the Holy Cross Hospital, is spending a week's holiday in town and district.

Sgt. and Mrs. Trussler and small son spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brooke.

Miss Dorothy Ranton, of High River, and Miss Grace Ranton of Edmonton, spent Christmas at their parental home.

AWI Dorothy Barrett, who is with the R.C.A.F. as air frame mechanic at Hagersville, Ont., is home on holiday leave.

Raymond Fulkerth spent the Christmas holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wordie, at Olds.

Dr. Harold Reiber and family, who visited the former's parents during the holidays, returned to their home at Davis, Calif., on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bahr and baby, of Calgary, and F/O and Mrs. Fiddies, of Virden, Man., visited at the Bahr home during the holidays.

The annual meeting of the Sir Ladies Aid of the Knox United Church will be held at the home of Mrs. Norman Clarke on Friday January 7, at 3 p.m.

Those attending the University of Alberta in Edmonton, who spent the festive season at their parental home here, were: Nora Barrett, Don Mortimer, Douglas Wordie and Eldon Foote.

The members of the W.C.T.U. will commemorate the annual Home of Mrs. E. Archer, on January 13, at 3 p.m. Miss Cressman will take charge. A cordial invitation is extended to visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Devine, the Misses Dorothy and Vera Sinclair, all of Calgary, and LAC Jim Sinclair, of the Bombing and Gunnery School, Lethbridge, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Sinclair.

Word has been received from P/O Lewis Spragg stating that he had recently been called to an audience at Buckingham Palace where the King planned on him F.M., which had been awarded to him earlier in the year. He has also been promoted to the rank of Flying Officer. Having completed his tour on operations and almost finished his instructional duties, he expects to be home on leave early this year.

Local Flier Returns Home

P/O Lloyd Jenkins, who is the 2nd local airman to return home from overseas, arrived here this Wednesday evening.

P/O Jenkins has completed his tour of 31 operational flights over enemy territory, as navigator with a Mosquito fighter squadron. He has a 30-day furlough, after which he will be posted to instructional work at the East Coast.

LOCAL & GENERAL

The Rev. Braa, of Wetaskiwin, will speak on Temperance at the Zella Nazarene service this Sunday, at 3 p.m.

Jack Benny and Ann Sheridan, in the biggest Warner Bros. Riot, "George Washington slept here", showing at the Didsbury Theatre this week.

The annual meeting of the U.F.A. will be held Friday, December 11, at the Wheat Pool office. Officers and delegates to conventions will be elected.

D. A. Lamont had the misfortune recently of having the sanitation wagon run over his foot twice, making it necessary to lay off work. However, he reports that his foot is improving and he hopes to go back to work soon.

Notes From the West.

Among those visiting their homes over the New Year holiday were: Lt/Cpl Isabel Lowrie, of Calgary; Lt/Cpl. M. Campbell, of Red Deer; LAC Gordon Befus, of Yorkton, Sask.; LAC Norman Hogg, of Coal Harbor, B.C.; and LAC Colin Hogg, of Yorkton, Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher and family visited with the latter's parents for New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Blain were Edmonton visitors over the week end.

Congratulations to the newly-weds--Mr. and Mrs. Ken Barnard.

Other boys home were: Sgt. A. McMullin, MacDonald, MacL and LAC A. McMullin, High River.

The New Outlook

STRENGTH THROUGH FAITH

The following letter, written by a Major of the British Forces in Africa, was recently published in an English magazine:

"You will be pleased to hear I go to church regularly, and that a fortnight ago I went to Communion, the first Sunday after the battle was over. It was the Church of England, but that did not matter. Nobody pays much attention to what you do out here; how you go about it that matters. You don't tell people to go to church; they just go. If the people at home were half as keen as the people out here, there wouldn't be enough churches. It's surprising but true, men you never would imagine would bother about religion, go to church and worry about churches' services in case they miss them. I reckon a battle without faith is not possible. And our boys had faith, and they won a battle. I hope it will be so after war is finished. War may be a bad thing, but one thing it has done is that it turns all men sooner or later to the Church. And, above all, the officers who lead in battle, lead in this, too, and I'm convinced that when we've won this war there will be a return to Church by the people at home, led by us, not in the spirit that 'Faith without works is dead', but in the spirit that 'Works without Faith is dead'."

"At one time I was amused when I read about Bible thumping generals, but, believe me, that is what has won this battle. The Boche had a faith built upon the sands of the desert, a Nazi Creed. Our lads had a faith built

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